Remarks

Claims 13–15 and 23–43 are pending in this application. Claims 1–12 and 16–22 have been canceled. Claims 13–15 have been amended and new claims 23–43 added to more specifically claim the invention. No new matter has been added. The new and amended claims are fully supported by the specification.

The specification has also been amended to make editorial corrections.

Election Affirmed

Applicant affirms election of claims 13–15 in group II. Applicant has canceled claims 1–12 and 16–22.

Replacement Drawings

Replacement drawings are submitted with this response to address the informalities noted by the draftsperson. These drawings replace the drawings filed June 1, 2004. The drawings have not been amended.

Section 102 Rejection

Claims 13–15 were rejected under section 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. patent 4,965,739 (Ng). Reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested because the cited reference and prior art do not show each and every element recited in the claims.

Conclusion

For the above reasons, applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please contact the signee.

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